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- 1. FRG OFFICIALS ON AUGUST 13 REACTED MODERATELY TO STATEMENTS BY FRENCH AGRICULTURAL MINISTER CHIRAC IN THE PARIS WEEKLY LE POINT ON THE REPORTED PRESS COMMENTS "THAT THE BRANDT GOVERNMENT IS TURNING AWAY FROM EUROPE". BONN OFFICIALS HAVE REFUTED THE FRENCH BY STATING THAT "THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE", AND REGARD THEM AS A PRELIMINARY SKIRMISH PRECEDING THE DISCUSSIONS FOR A REFORM OF THE EC AGRICULTURAL POLICY.
- 2. UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, ROHR, IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS ABOUT FRENCH REACTION STATED TO DPA (DEUTSCHE PRESSE AGENTUR) ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, "THAT CHIRAC COULD NOT HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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GAINED SUCH IMPRESSION EITHER FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS IN BRUSSELS

NOR FROM THE FRENCH-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS. AFTER HIS CONSULTATION TALKS WITH MINISTER ERTL, CHIRAC HIMSELF HAD DECLARED THAT NO DIFFERENCES OF OPINION EXISTED IN PRINCIPLE QUESTIONS. MOREOVER, SIMILAR STATEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE PAST ALSO BY OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AND IN BRUSSELS MINISTER ERTL HAD CONTINUOUSLY EMPHASISED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PUT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL MARKET IN QUESTION".

3. ROHR ALSO REFUTED PRESS REPORTS"THAT THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAD RECOMMENDED A RENATIONALIZATION OF THE AGRICULTUREPOLICY. ON THE CONTRARY, THE BOARD, IN AN ADVISORY OPINION, HAD REJECTED SUCH A STEP". CASH

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